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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Gentlemen:

As a retired teacher I've been following the case and especially the proposed settlement with great interest. Schools need materials, equipment and software to provide our students with modern tools to meet present goals. Apple computers were wonderful in the 1980s but they are not practical when 95% of the business world uses the Windows platform. Time is essential and the proposed settlement will allow the schools to provide students with the tools they need now. We can't wait another twenty years to have this case debated and delayed by additional lawsuits.

I urge you to continue with the original offer so that the next generation of students will not be another twenty years late.

Sincerely,

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